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ARE YOU REALLY GOING MAD IF YOU GOTTA ASK?
I THINK I READ THAT SOMEWHERE ONCE.
IF YOU'RE QUESTIONING YOUR SANITY, YOU MUST STILL HAVE IT.
WHAT THE HELL DO SHRINKS KNOW ANYWAY?

DO YOU UNDERSTAND THESE RIGHTS?

part four

...BE USED AGAINST YOU.

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SIR, IS THERE SOME REASON IT'S JUST THE TWO OF US?
I MEAN, I'M FINE WITH IT, I JUST...YOU HEAR STUFF ABOUT THIS GUY...
LOW PROFILE, OFFICER.
A NIGHT TRANSFER IN AN UNMARKED VAN. *HE* DOESN'T NEED ANY MORE PRESS. SO MAN UP...
"...WE'RE ALMOST THERE."

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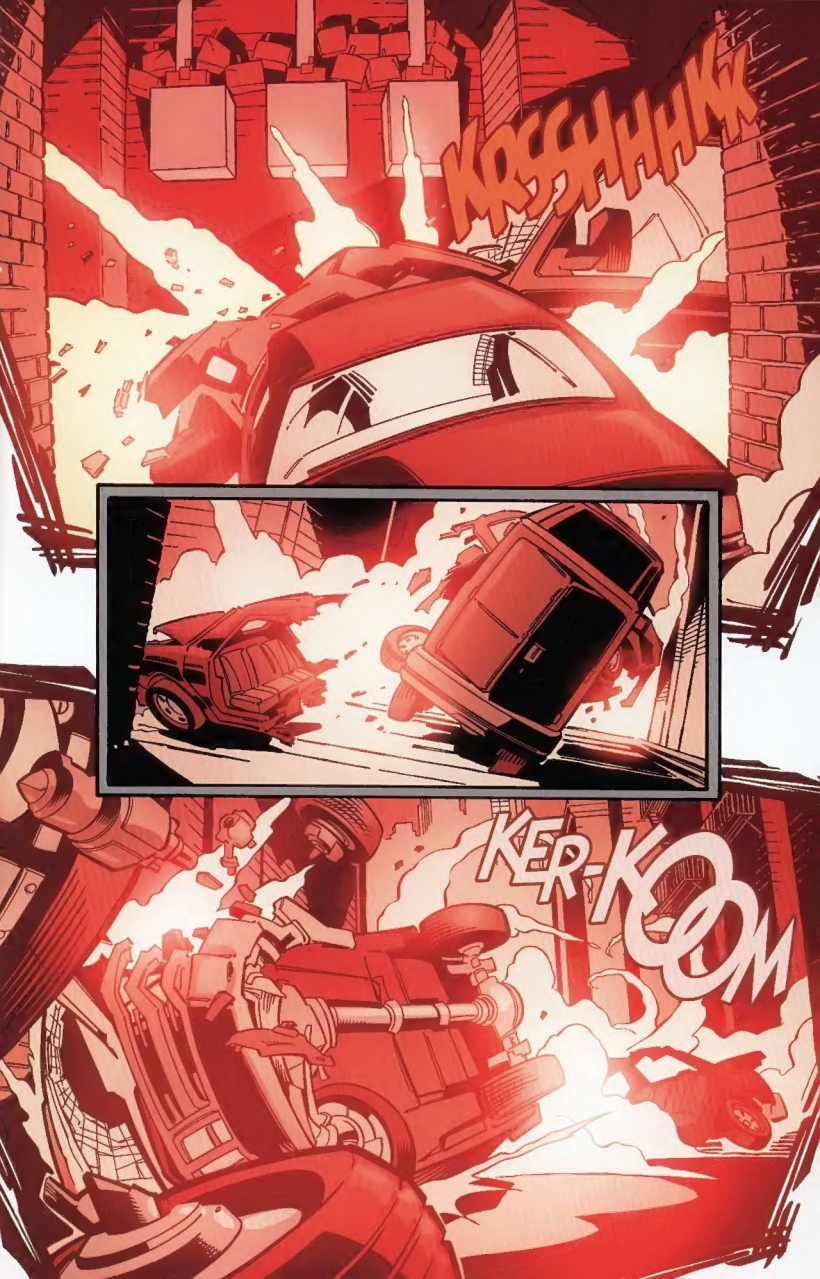
LOOK OUT!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...G.P.D., THIS IS...CHARLIE FOXTROT...FOUR... OFFICER DOWN...I NEED A BUS AND BACKUP...DO YOU COPY...?
SHANCOE...?

DON'T WORRY, OFFICER...
I'M FAIRLY CERTAIN I GOT THE LICENSE PLATE!
HEH HEH

}OOF!{
UH OH. I'VE SEEN THAT LOOK BEFORE. SOMEONE WANTS TO GET THEIR "KILL" ON, DOESN'T HE? HEY, I FEEL YA. DOG.
I HAVEN'T REALLY ENJOYED A MURDER SINCE I TALKED YOUR WIFE INTO KILLING HERSELF.
WHICH REMINDS ME OF A JOKE:
A GUY RIDES INTO AN OLD WEST TOWN AND SEES A CROWD GATHERED AROUND THE TOWN GALLOWS.
THE GUY ASKS "WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?"
ONE OF THE LOCALS SAYS, "THEY'RE GOING TO HANG BROWN PAPER PETE."
"HOW DID HE GET A NAME LIKE BROWN PAPER PETE?" OUR GUY ASKS.
"WELL," SAYS THE LOCAL, "HE WEARS A BROWN PAPER BAG ON HIS HEAD, BROWN PAPER BAGS ON HIS HANDS AND BROWN PAPERS BAGS ON HIS FEET!".
"THAT'S WEIRD", SAYS OUR MAN. "WHAT'RE THEY HANGING HIM FOR?"

"RUSTLING!"
HAHA HAHAHA! HAHA!
KEEP WRIGGLING...
YOU WERE JUST THE WORM ON THE HOOK.
DETECTIVE...
BATMAN GO BOOM!

BOOM
SKAFF!

YOU BROUGHT THIS VIRUS INTO MY HOME.
YOU DUMPED IT ON MY DOORSTEP. YOU INFECTED US. ME AND HER.
YOU CAN'T ERADICATE A DISEASE.
ALL YOU CAN DO IS...
...KILL THE CARRIER.

SORRY, I JUST COULDN'T LISTEN TO THAT LOON FOR ONE MORE MINUTE. YADDA YADDA YADDA. AM I RIGHT?
I MEAN, WHAT THE HECK WAS HE TALKIN' ABOUT WITH VIRUSES AND DISEASES. *YECHHH!*
I THINK SOMEONE CAUGHT TOO MANY EPISODES OF GREY'S ANATOMY, EH, McMOODY?

RELAX, MI AMIGO. WE'LL DO THIS WHEN YOU'RE FEELING BETTER.
WE'VE GOT PLENTY OF TIME TO DANCE. AND I WANT MY SPECIAL FELLA WELL-RESTED AND READY TO LAMBADA.
DON'T GET UP. I'LL SEE MYSELF OUT.
ON SECOND THOUGHT...
...THE LAMBADA IS SO TWENTY YEARS AGO.

YARGHHHH!
WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO WITH HIM?
HONESTLY ..
...I HAVE NO IDEA.
"WE CAN'T PUT HIM IN PRISON..."

...AND HE'S TOO DANGEROUS FOR ANY SORT OF PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL.
SO UNLESS THE PEOPLE VOTE TO CHANGE THE DEATH PENALTY STATUTE, WE'RE STUCK WITH HIM.
OH, YOU HAVE GOT TO BE KIDDING ME.
WHO WOULD BUY A CONDO *THERE?* THEY USED TO EXPERIMENT ON PATIENTS, DIDN'T THEY?
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CAN YOU THINK OF ANYWHERE CREEPIER TO CALL HOME?
CARRIE, GET ME THE MAYOR.
I WOULDN'T BE CAUGHT DEAD LIVING AT ARKHAM.
"THE LEVEL OF HARM YOU'VE CAUSED THIS CITY AND ITS CITIZENRY IS UNPRECEDENTED..."

IT'S ONLY FITTING THEN THAT YOUR SENTENCE BE A FIRST OF ITS KIND.
HI, MOM! I'M ON TV!
THE CITY HAS CLAIMED EMINENT DOMAIN OVER THE OLD ARKHAM ASYLUM PROPERTY PREVENTING ITS PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT.
IT WILL INSTEAD BE REFITTED AND REOPENED AS A PSYCHIATRIC FACILITY TO HOUSE DANGEROUSLY UNSTABLE CRIMINALS. AND YOU...
YOU'RE PATIENT ZERO.
DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO SAY?
JUST ONE THING...
GOODNIGHT... AND GOOD LUCK.
SOAP
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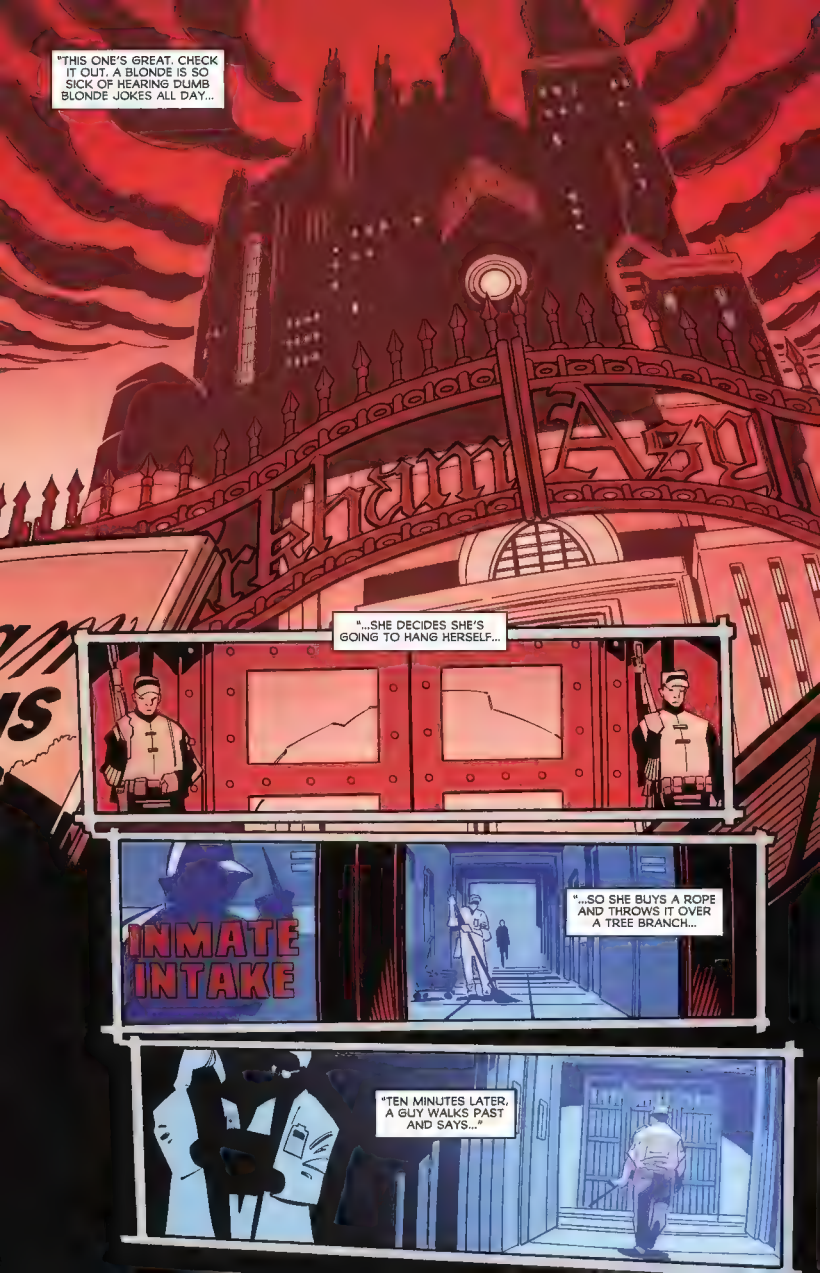
Times
JOKER SENTENCED TO LIFE AT ARKHAM
WE'LL SIMPLY TELL THE PRESS IT WAS A LARGE AND RATHER UNFORTUNATE HICKEY INCIDENT.
SHAME ON MISS VALE.
I CAN CATCH THEM, ALFRED...
...BUT THAT'S IT. I CAN'T KEEP THEM LOCKED UP.
NOR CAN YOU PROSECUTE THEM NOR DEFEND THEM NOR HELP THEM SEEK OUT THE ROOT OF THEIR CRIMINAL DRIVES.
YOURS IS A SINGULAR TASK YOU'VE SET FOR YOURSELF, MASTER BRUCE.
IT STARTS AT THIS TUNNEL...

...AND IT ENDS AT THE FRONT OF THE POLICE STATION...
...WHERE YOU DROP OFF THE TRASH.
THE WORLD'S RICHEST GARBAGE MAN, HUH?
IF YOU LIKE. NOW PLEASE DO EAT SOMETHING.
SENTENC
AT ARKHA
AS FAR AS BATMAN AND THIS SO-CALLED JOKER ARE CONCERNED, IT IS OVER.
NO, ALFRED ..
...I THINK IT'S JUST BEGINNING.


"THIS ONE'S GREAT. CHECK IT OUT. A BLONDE IS SO SICK OF HEARING DUMB BLONDE JOKES ALL DAY...
"...SHE DECIDES SHE'S GOING TO HANG HERSELF...
INMATE INTAKE
"...SO SHE BUYS A ROPE AND THROWS IT OVER A TREE BRANCH...
"TEN MINUTES LATER, A GUY WALKS PAST AND SAYS..."

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SHANCOE 6
"IF YOU REALLY WANT TO HANG YOURSELF, YOU SHOULD HANG BY YOUR NECK, NOT YOUR ARMS..."
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AND THE BLONDE SAYS...
"...I TRIED THAT BUT I COULDN'T BREATHE."
HAHA HAHAHA!
HEY, WAIT A SECOND! NO FAIR.
IS HIS CELL BIGGER THAN MINE?

"THIS MAKES THE FOURTH ROBBERY IN A MONTH..."
G.C.P.D. HEADQUARTERS
WE'VE GOT THE FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGISTS WORKING ON A PROFILE...
G.C.P.D.
...BUT OTHER THAN THE "NOTES" THE PERP LEFT BEHIND, WE DON'T HAVE MUCH TO WORK WITH.
DET. G. SHAN
THE MAYOR HAS ALREADY AUTHORIZED OUR OVERTIME, SO CALL YOUR FAMILIES AND TELL THEM YOU WON'T BE HOME FOR A WHILE.
VISITORS SIGN-IN

HE CALLS HIMSELF "THE RIDDLER."

BE CAREFUL.
RIDDLE ME THIS...
...WHAT HAS THREE--?
GULP!
YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN SILENT...
THE END (AND NOT THE END).

Greetings, DC Nation!

Last week, Dan's tour of the DCU lineup for 2009 was interrupted by the breaking news that the villains had taken over our world in January's Faces of Evil event. I hope you're enjoying the F.O.E. books (we didn't realize that the acronym worked like that when we started…honest) all this month, but we need to interrupt plans once again. You see, I'm Senior Story Editor **Ian Sattler**, and I've been forced to take over this week's programming. We realized that Dan was too old to talk about the younger characters in Teen Titans and that most of his pop culture references seem to stop at about 1989. I said I'd step in, but I keep forgetting that I'm old as dirt now too. I have no idea what the kids are into these days. I'm the guy that carried an entire run of the original Suicide Squad series to a Radiohead concert because I found them at a comic store before the show. So with what little time I have left before I age out of existence, let's get back on the tour bus and find out what's coming up in Titans and Teen Titans this year.

As you know, the Teen Titans have had their hands full recently with the Clock King, Lycus, and of course the menace of Wonder Dog. At the same time Ravager has been trying to survive the Dark Side Club in Terror Titans, where she witnessed the debut of Static in the DCU. This month you'll want to pay close attention to Teen Titans #67 as Brother Blood makes his return in a Faces of Evil showdown with the team. This issue will also feature the debut of a new Teen Titan, but you'll have to read the issue to find out who. And every Teen Titans fan should make sure to pick up the Faces of Evil: Deathstroke special to see The Terminator's showdown with Ravager and a hint at the terrible things that are to come later in the year.

Over in Titans the team has been dealing with the fallout from DCU: Decisions where they learned that their old teammate Jericho has become mentally unstable and turned into a killer. In the midst of trying to figure out if they can save their friend, Jericho disappears into the mind of one of the Titans. Unsure of who is now being manipulated, the team has a lot to deal with…and that's before the JLA shows up to claim Jericho. And you know how it goes when these super-teams meet up, so expect a pretty big fight.

The Jericho story is so big that it can't be contained in just one book, so this spring expect a crossover between Titans, Teen Titans and Vigilante as nobody is sure who they can trust and tensions run high. Beginning in the Teen Titans Annual and continuing for three months through each title, this event—titled "Deathtrap"—sees new members join each team and others depart for good. Caught in the middle of this struggle is the new Vigilante—who might be just as mentally unstable as Jericho as he takes a "by any means necessary" approach to dishing out justice. It's going to be a heck of a battle for our heroes and yet another example of the exciting changes in store for you this year in the DCU. So get ready and we'll see you next week to talk about the Justice Society of America.

- Ian.

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A brand-new story arc begins, with the comic book debut of a classic Batman villain – King Tut!

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